

ALEXANDRIA RESTAURANT OWNERS/MANAGERS

RE: Eco-Friendly Restaurant Expo

August 12, 2010

On September 28th, there will be an Eco-Friendly Restaurant Expo for restaurant Owners and Managers. As part of this event, we are asking residents to nominate their favorite restaurant that has gone the extra mile to introduce sustainable practices into their operations. Restaurants may also nominate themselves.

Enclosed is the nomination form which you can print and have at your restaurant so your patrons can nominate you for the recognition. Because it is hard to illustrate to some environmental practices that occur “behind the scenes”, you may, and we invite you to, print out a list or narrative of other items that illustrate your restaurant’s environmental awareness and initiatives. Besides the more obvious items patrons can see, below is a larger list which you may illustrate how you are reducing your establishment’s environmental footprint.

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| ✓ Do you have a plan for reducing fats, oils and greases going into the sewage system? | ✓ Do you use Integrated Pest Management to limit pesticide use? |
| ✓ Do you have a plan for reducing solid waste? | ✓ Do you have a plan for reducing chemical use in the restaurant? |
| ✓ Do you have a plan for conserving water? | ✓ Have you had an energy audit? |
| ✓ Do you aggressively recycle? | ✓ Do you have a plan for reducing energy use? |
| ✓ Have you had a waste audit? | ✓ Do you purchase alternative energy? |
| ✓ Do you compost food waste? | ✓ Do you use what you are doing to educate the community about environmental issues? |
| ✓ Do you accept reusable beverage containers for take-out? | |

The winning restaurants will be recognized at the Expo and given a certificate for their sustainable efforts. Following the event, there will be a press release which will include the names of the winners of the First Eco-Friendly Restaurant recognitions.

We ask that restaurants and food establishments print and display the nomination form. The deadline for dropping off the patron nomination forms to one of the addresses below is **September 10th**.

Locations for Drop Off:

Alexandria City Hall (301 King Street at Citizen’s Assistance)
Alexandria Health Dept. Environmental Health Division (4480 King St., Suite 360)

We look forward to a great expo and a great number of nominations for Alexandria’s Eco-Friendly Restaurants!

Thank you,

Alexandria Environmental Policy Commission
Alexandria Health Department

Alexandria Food Safety Advisory Council
Restaurant Association Metropolitan Washington